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Weekly Health Report

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I. Occupied Germany:

A. Communicable Diseases: — Attached is Appendix "A" (Communicable Disease Report (By Land), United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 8 Dec. 1945), Appendix "B" (Communicable Disease Rates, United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 8 Dec. 1945) and Appendix "C", (Communicable Disease Report, United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 8 Dec. 1945).

Throughout the Western Military District the incidence of diphtheria continues high when judged by U.S. public health standards. Cases are scattered and no outbreaks of epidemic proportions have been reported. The effect of the immunization campaign will not be known for several months.

From Dertingen (WN 3631) a moderate outbreak of typhoid fever has been reported. Measures for its control have been taken, and the town declared "Off Limits" to American troops.

From Baden-Württemberg comes the report that due to overcrowding, lack of sanitary facilities, shortage of antiscabetic agents, and the influx of infected refugees, an increase of scabies has resulted. This is evident throughout most of the district.

The trend in the number of cases of typhoid fever is down. Likewise tuberculosis shows a decrease. Pertussis is rising moderately in incidence and may be expected to continue so for the next 3 or 4 months.

In Baden-Württemberg a well-known civilian syphilologist has been appointed as Venereal Disease Control Officer in the Land Public Health Office, in a renewed drive against VD. His functions include the appointment of VD Control Boards at Land and Kreis levels, publicity, apprehension and hospitalization of VD suspects, supervision of the use of penicillin, and education.

Detailed inspections have been made of conditions at the Bremen City Hospital with particular attention to regulations governing the patients referred for VD care.

In Greater Hesse the number of gonorrhea cases remains high, despite the efforts to control it. A new VD Hospital was opened in Dillenburg, and with the new VD Boards now in operation, some progress should be shown in the next few weeks.

In Bremen the Public Health Officer has arranged for the establishment of a civilian VD Control Board comprising prominent officials of the municipal government and has initiated penicillin therapy for the treatment of all gonorrhea.

The insulin problem in Regierungsbezirk Hesse is still unsolved and a crisis will no doubt be reached in the near future unless more insulin can be obtained. Only one hundred thousand (100,000) units of the expected five hundred thousand (500,000) units were received so it appears that the crisis is imminent.

Current vital statistics indicate a high infant mortality rate. Military Government Public Health officials have undertaken a study to determine the causative factors involved. The German Public Health officials are cooperating in furnishing the required statistics and other information.

Land Bavaria reports that rates for typhoid fever, diphtheria, scabies, tuberculosis, gonorrhea, and syphilis are all high, but show no remarkable variation for the week.

B. Nutrition: A survey of the nutritional status of Displaced Persons at Landsberg revealed that average body weights of all categories were equal to or above American standards, and the incidence of nutritional deficiency manifestations was negligible. There were only two apparent cases of vitamin A deficiency and one of riboflavin. Because of Jewish food customs it would be desirable to make substitutions for the issued pork, ham, and lard.

C. Hospitals: Regierungsbezirk Hessen reports the former Gauschule at Selters, Kreis Budinger, has been released by the Education Branch for use as a hospital. Three buildings have been obtained in Erbach for use as hospitals; work on the buildings is in progress.

The Farge DP Hospital was inspected. Confirming previous request for the assignment of Allied medical personnel to supervise its operation, the need for an additional UNRRA team or other Allied supervisory team is urgent. Assignment of UNRRA medical personnel has been applied for again. It is expected that a military ambulance will soon be made available for assignment to all DP camps, whereby DP patients for hospitalization may be transferred to and from the Farge hospital on a daily circuit.

D. Nursing Affairs: Field visits were made to the Regierungsbezirke of Schwaben, Mittelfranken and Mainfranken and conferences held with the Army Public Health Nurses. The Senior Nurse of Schwaben reports that all German nurses are now registered with their Regierungsbezirk German Public Health Office. This has resulted in a complete index of all nurses and their qualifications.

A visit with the UNRRA Public Health Nursing Supervisor to the Displaced Persons' hospital at Landsberg was made. The nursing care of patients appeared to be adequate.

E. Dental Affairs: At Wolfratshausen, action was initiated to expedite procurement of equipment and supplies for a dental laboratory.

Conferences with the president of the Bayerische Landeskammer für Zahnärzte and the Reichsverband Deutscher Dentisten reveal satisfactory progress in their reorganization and De-nazification.

F. Veterinary: The Veterinary Section of the Bavarian Medical Committee has a conference scheduled for 20 December at Munich. The questions for discussion are the establishment of a professional organization, the establishment of an institute for the production of foot and mouth disease vaccine and methods of controlling hog cholera by the use of crystal violet vaccine.

G. Ambulance Service: The municipal ambulance service of Bremen meets with increasing difficulties for lack of tires. Lists of minimum requirements have been pending for almost 8 weeks. Tires for ambulances have been placed on top priority in order to preclude further curtailment of essential ambulance services.

APPENDIX "A" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 8 December 1945

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Death	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																								c: cases	d: deaths		
			Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria			Influenza	Measles
Greater Hesse	3,251,226	c	1	—	—	—	—	285	59	132	7	36	1	—	442	100	38	9	4	—	—	51	434	—	1	4	24	*	*	
Baden Württemberg	3,328,750	p	—	—	—	—	—	276	40	57	5	14	5	—	138	38	15	4	—	—	—	—	—	129	—	—	*	*	1	*
Bavaria	7,295,680	c	—	—	—	—	—	461	104	308	52	33	4	5	645	202	86	9	13	1	—	4	637	—	1	3	27	10	—	—
Bremen Port Command	558,096	p	—	—	—	—	—	132	15	9	3	*	2	—	*	*	18	1	—	—	1	*	69	—	—	—	—	3	*	*
Berlin (Am Sect)	800,000	p	10	—	—	—	—	128	23	84	8	*	—	—	289	47	61	—	23	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*	*

Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Greater Hesse	3,251,226	.15	—	—	—	—	—	45.58	9.44	21.11	1.12	5.76	0.15	—	70.69	15.99	6.08	1.44	0.63	—	—	8.16	69.41	—	—	*	*	*	*
Baden Württemberg	3,328,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	43.06	6.24	8.89	0.78	2.18	0.78	—	21.53	5.93	2.34	0.62	—	—	—	20.12	—	—	*	*	0.16	*	*
Bavaria	7,295,680	—	—	—	—	—	—	32.86	7.41	21.95	3.71	2.35	0.29	0.36	45.97	14.40	6.13	0.64	0.93	0.07	—	0.29	45.40	0.07	0.21	1.92	0.71	—	—
Bremen Port Command	558,096	—	—	—	—	—	—	116.71	13.25	7.96	2.65	*	1.77	—	*	*	15.92	0.88	—	0.88	—	—	61.01	—	—	2.65	*	*	*
Berlin (Am Sect)	800,000	6.50	—	—	—	—	—	83.20	14.95	54.60	5.20	*	—	—	187.83	30.55	39.65	—	14.95	—	—	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	*

* Data not submitted

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 8 December 1945

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps	
Kassel	1,159,153	0.45	—	—	—	—	—	34.54	6.72	18.39	1.79	5.83	.45	—	61.46	16.60	4.04	2.69	.90	—	0.90	45.76	—	—	—	—	*	*	*
Wiesbaden	1,181,602	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.41	3.08	24.20	.44	*	—	—	103.42	22.88	5.72	.44	—	—	*	*	—	—	1.76	*	*	*	
Hessen	910,471	—	—	—	—	—	—	70.25	21.13	20.56	1.14	13.14	—	—	39.98	6.28	9.14	1.14	1.14	—	27.98	109.61	—	.57	—	13.71	*	*	
Württemberg	1,908,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	44.99	6.90	7.73	1.10	1.93	0.83	—	38.09	10.49	3.31	1.10	—	—	—	35.60	—	—	—	—	0.28	—	
Baden	1,420,750	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.36	5.50	10.61	.36	2.57	.74	—	*	*	1.10	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*	
Bremen Port Command	558,096	—	—	—	—	—	—	116.71	13.26	7.96	2.65	*	1.77	—	*	*	15.92	.88	—	.88	—	61.01	—	—	—	2.65	*	*	
Schwaben	949,043	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.78	7.67	10.96	1.10	—	—	.55	27.40	10.41	3.84	1.10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	*	
Oberbayern	1,932,163	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.95	4.84	28.80	1.35	1.61	.54	.81	53.82	16.69	2.96	—	2.15	—	*	14.26	—	—	.27	*	*	*	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,898,220	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.75	6.15	35.96	13.92	.32	—	.32	46.00	15.22	6.15	—	.32	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*	
Ober- and Mittelfranken	1,605,274	—	—	—	—	—	—	38.35	12.88	9.31	0.27	6.85	.27	—	65.20	18.63	11.78	1.37	.82	.27	—	123.27	—	.27	.55	3.29	2.47	—	
Mainfranken	910,980	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.54	3.42	20.55	.57	.57	.57	—	8.56	3.42	3.42	1.14	.57	—	2.28	76.49	—	—	—	—	.57	—	
Berlin (Am. Sect)	800,000	6.50	—	—	—	—	—	83.20	14.95	54.60	5.20	*	—	—	187.85	30.55	39.65	—	14.95	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*	
TOTAL	15,233,752	0.37	—	—	—	—	—	43.59	8.19	20.06	2.55	2.82	0.41	0.77	51.48	13.16	7.41	0.78	1.36	0.03	0.03	1.87	43.15	—	0.07	0.24	1.84	0.37	—

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		Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	Mumps			
Kassel	1,159,153	c 1	—	—	—	—	—	77	15	41	4	13	1	—	137	37	9	6	2	—	—	2	102	—	—	—	—	*	*	*		
Wiesbaden	1,181,602	c —	—	—	—	—	—	85	7	55	1	*	—	—	235	52	13	1	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	4	*	*	*	*		
Hessen	910,471	c —	—	—	—	—	—	123	37	36	2	23	—	—	70	11	16	2	2	—	—	49	332	—	1	—	24	*	*	*		
Württemberg	1,908,000	c —	—	—	—	—	—	163	25	28	4	7	3	—	138	38	12	4	—	—	—	—	129	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	
Baden	1,420,750	c —	—	—	—	—	—	113	15	29	1	7	2	—	*	*	3	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	—	*	*	*		
Bremen Port Command	558,096	c —	—	—	—	—	—	132	15	9	3	*	2	—	*	*	18	1	—	—	1	—	69	—	—	—	3	*	*	*	*	
Schwaben	949,043	c —	—	—	—	—	—	58	14	20	2	—	—	1	50	19	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Oberbayern	1,932,163	c —	—	—	—	—	—	115	18	107	5	6	2	3	200	62	11	—	8	—	—	*	53	—	—	—	1	*	*	*	*	
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,989,220	c —	—	—	—	—	—	98	19	111	43	1	—	1	142	47	19	—	1	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*	*	*	
Ober- and Mittelfranken	1,605,274	c —	—	—	—	—	—	140	47	34	1	25	1	—	238	68	43	5	3	1	—	—	450	—	1	2	12	9	—	—	—	
Mainfranken	910,980	c —	—	—	—	—	—	50	6	36	1	1	1	—	15	6	6	2	1	—	—	4	134	—	—	—	15	1	—	—	—	
Berlin (Am. Sector)	800,000	c 10	—	—	—	—	—	128	23	84	8	*	—	—	289	47	61	—	23	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	15,233,752	c 11	—	—	—	—	—	1282	241	590	75	83	12	5	1514	387	218	23	40	1	1	55	1269	—	2	7	54	11	—	—	—	—

*Data no received

